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General impression

Confusion what U.S. policy is w/respect USSR.

Charges of inconsistency from Americans.

Consternation at lack of clear signals - Europeans

Kielmansdgg

No need cast blame

Kissinger-Nixon expectations bear a part

Efforts reshape policy - a part

Sympathetic

Soviets unsettled also

Probably best know where stand

Succession

Opportunities to display shape/coherence to policy

I SALT

Announce policy to compensate for vulnerability MM

Issue is abandon or protect fixed sites?

Abandon-tech passed by

II Indian Ocean area

Concern - Sov/Cuban troops

Permanent deployment CVA type

Joint training exercises

III Dollars

Announcement w/passage energy bill

IV Israel - Arabs

Statement

V Rhodesia

Statement

Long run need evolve more consistent policy

NSC interchanges

Unase

Lack consensus how deal w/ Sov

Who's in charge  
Vance

1 at a time

No overall strategy

72-73

Principles

to avoid nuclear war

Protagonists war  
Complete

1/4

Let - let him

Both  
unsettled

USSR unsettled

SALT 3/77 - pushed by Vlad  
Hum it

West very 72/73 illusory

Eur - evolved soft pol then opens  
eg SALT

Must come down -

Both

Succession

Shape - coherence

What deal w/

1. CM

1. Stratg detn  
Sov trust  
Allies

Reassertion only deter

Coherence → tie to SALT  
In charge

2. Com concept

3. \$

4. Mid East - Israel

5. Yemen  
CVA

MEMORANDUM FOR: Meeting with the President, 21 September 1978

THURS. 1315

Attached are materials you wanted for subject meeting:

LEFT SIDE

Charter Legislation

RIGHT SIDE

General Talking Points

Also on left side is a note on Admiral Seijas and Bob Scott in case you want to use it.

Date

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